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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On October 29, 2010, a Lincoln woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between January of 2007 and August of 2009. Katrina Coffman was held responsible for the distribution of more than one pound of methamphetamine during that time period. On three occasions in the spring of 2009 she sold approximately 1/8 ounce quantities of methamphetamine to an undercover Lincoln Police officer. On August 6, 2009, Coffman was stopped by Lincoln Police officers and was found in possession of approximately 1/8 ounce of methamphetamine and \$333.00 cash. Following her arrest, Coffman admitted she had been selling methamphetamine in Lincoln. Following the 10-year prison term, Coffman will serve five years on supervised release. She was also ordered to forfeit \$333.00 cash to the United States and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Katrina Lavern Coffman

AKA:

Age: 24

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Count II: Forfeiture of \$333.00 used to facilitate the drug offense in Count I or representing proceeds of that offense, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853. The possible penalty for Count I is not less than 10 years, nor more than life imprisonment, and a fine of up to

\$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment. The possible penalty for Count II is forfeiture of \$333.00 to the United States of America.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Knox County, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Coffman was held responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams(approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about January 1, 2007, and on or about August 6, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 16, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: March 19, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on May 19, 2010

Sentencing Date: October 29, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond from March 16, 2010, until May 19, 2010 when she was released on conditions, returned to custody on September 2, 2010

In Continuous Custody Since: September 2, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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